

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: n/a.
3. Children and Spouses: n/a.
4. Parents: John M. Sanderson, None; Patricia M. Sanderson, (deceased).
5. Grandparents: Emil and Marjorie Budde (deceased); Gail and John Sanderson (deceased).
6. Brothers and Spouses: Michael Sanderson and Michelle McMahon, None.
7. Sisters and Spouses: n/a.

\*James D. McGee, of Florida, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of Comoros.  
Nominee: James David McGee.  
Post: Union of Comoros.

The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.

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1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: None.
3. Children and Spouses: n/a.
4. Parents: Ruby Mae McGee, none; and Jewel L. McGee (deceased), n/a.
5. Grandparents: James West Senior (deceased), n/a; Malvena West (deceased), n/a; David McGee (deceased), n/a; and Mary McGee (deceased), n/a.
6. Brothers and Spouses: Ronald N. McGee, none; Kathy McGee, none.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Mary Ann Dillahunt, none; Tyrone Dillahunt, none.

\*Gary A. Grappo, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman.

Nominee: Gary A. Grappo.

Post: Muscat, Oman.

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1. Self: none.
2. Spouse: none.
3. Children and Spouses: Michelle (21), Alexander (19) & Kristina (17) Grappo; none.
4. Parents: Anthony and Viola Grappo, none.
5. Grandparents: Severio & Maria Marchese, and Alexander & Louise Grappo (deceased); none.
6. Brothers and Spouses: Anthony P. & Deb Grappo; \$2,000, 12/2001, Outback Steakhouse PAC; \$4,995, 11/2002, Outback Steakhouse PAC; \$5,000, 12/2003, Outback Steakhouse PAC; and \$5,000, 12/2004, Outback Steakhouse PAC.
7. Sisters and Spouses: none.

\*Patricia A. Butenis, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Nominee: Patricia A. Butenis.

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1. Self: none.
2. Spouse: n/a.
3. Children and Spouses: n/a.
4. Parents: Hafsa Butenis, none; Charles P. Butenis (deceased).
5. Grandparents: Alexander Michalezka (deceased); Anastasia Michalezka (deceased);

Casimir Butenis (deceased); Petronella Leszinski (deceased).

6. Brothers and Spouses: n/a.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Linda Butenis Vorsa, none; Nicholi Vorsa, none; Donna Butenis Mulraney, none; Andrew Mulraney, none.

\*Donald T. Bliss, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

\*Claudia A. McMurray, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

\*Bradford R. Higgins, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Resource Management).

\*Bradford R. Higgins, of Connecticut, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of State.

\*Jackie Wolcott Sanders, of Virginia, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

\*Jackie Wolcott Sanders, of Virginia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

\*Michael W. Michalak, of Michigan, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum.

\*Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years.

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Anne Elizabeth Linnee and ending with Kathleen Anne Yu, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on December 13, 2005.

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Lisa M. Anderson and ending with Gregory C. Yemm, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on December 14, 2005.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first

and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. LOTT):

S. 2287. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and permanently extend the expensing of certain depreciable business assets for small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 2288. A bill to modernize water resources planning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BUNNING:

S. 2289. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the per resident payment floor for direct graduate medical education payments under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. TALENT):

S. 2290. A bill to provide for affordable natural gas by rebalancing domestic supply and demand and to promote the production of natural gas from domestic resources; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 2291. A bill to provide for the establishment of a biodefense injury compensation program and to provide indemnification for producers of countermeasures; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2292. A bill to provide relief for the Federal judiciary from excessive rent charges; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLEN:

S. J. Res. 31. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to require a balancing of the budget; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 241

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 241, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 267

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 267, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 548

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to encourage owners and operators of privately-held